



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014 – 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

The Community Enhancement Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. The meeting was attended by Sue Callaway, Chair; George Junkin; Kent Stephan; Bobbe Stephan; Pat Weisgerber; Barbara Sears; and Don Chrobot, Maintenance Department. There were no public comments.

CEC Member Comments: On behalf of SB property owner, Lori Cicero, Sue Callaway presented Lori's idea about creating a "lil' book library" (see photo below). The library operates on a "book-in and book-out" or just "book-out" process. The group discussed the idea and recommended moving forward with it. Lori has agreed to coordinate the logistics of the library including serving as book drop off point and library maintenance person. Pat Weisgerber volunteered her husband Frank Weisgerber to build the library. The group recommended locating the library next to the Town Hall Bulletin Board. Next Steps: Confirm construction with Frank Weisgerber. Kent Stephan also mentioned the use of booster.com as an interesting website for having t-shirts and other products made on an as purchased basis. Sue pointed out she favors the idea for SB t-shirts and other products but retail sales cannot be carried out by the Town of SB.

Presentation of Ocean Drive Art Boards by featured local South Bethany Artists – Tara Grim, Carolyn Marcello and Celeste Speer: Sue Callaway introduced the three local artists who have created art boards for the Ocean Drive Art Board program. After thanks and photographs (see below), the group discussed the next steps regarding preservation of the boards. It was apparent to the group that the exceptional quality of the work had to be preserved. Tara discussed how she has already had her board scanned (at her own cost) so that the original art work is preserved on file and available for future reproduction. Although the CEC was already mindful of concerns for potential vandalism, exposure to pet waste; and of course weathering the group raised greater concerns for this after seeing the artists' work. Tara recommends five coats of varnish which Don is taking care of. A motion by George Junkin was brought forward to spend the \$100 each to have Carolyn's and Celeste's paintings scanned. The motion was seconded by Bobbe Stephan and unanimously approved by the group. The group also discussed location of the boards – they are to be placed on the north side of the containers so that driving/walking south on Ocean Drive they can be seen. Carolyn's will be placed on the south side of Ocean Drive; Celeste's will be located on either N. 3rd St. or N. 1st; and Tara's will

be placed in between those two. In addition, Tara is exploring an additional process where by an image is made of the painting (from the scan) and placed on a durable product.

Addendum: Since meeting, Tara Grim has learned more about a follow-up process which she is willing to fund for her painting. The following are the details:

- Insta Signs Plus, Inc. in New Castle, DE (302-324-8800) will create a vinyl image of the painting from the scan
- They will then mount the vinyl image to one of three substrate products: 1) DiBond (\$120); 2) Aluminum (\$140); or PVC (\$100).
- Three-day turnaround time from scan to substrate adhesion
- Costs include scanning, vinyl and mounting to chosen substrate product
- They use a 6-year life vinyl with uv coating 28" x 48"
- The substrate can be reused and re-vinylated

Next Steps: The CEC conduct a short meeting on **Wednesday, June 11** at 1:15 PM to discuss the next steps and to make recommendations for the best process for proceeding forward.

Discussion of Landscaping Plans for Route 1: Bio-retention beds, circle beds, and pedestrian walkway rain gardens; York Beach Mall gardens; Richard Hall Memorial Park and Cat Hill Entrance Way was led by Don Chrobot, Maintenance Department. All planting will be completed this week. Rick Gentile has just located some additional plants for York Beach Mall as plants have been difficult to find this year due to harsh spring. Sue noted that the perennials in the pedestrian walkways are coming up very nicely.

East Side Bio-Retention Project: Sue Callaway, George Junkin and Don Chrobot participated in a May 29th meeting with members of the East Side Bio-Retention group that includes, CIB; Larry Trout, contractor; Sue Barton; Fawn Hollow Landscaping; excavators; LaTonya, DeIDOT; and Middlesex Beach. All DeIDOT Right-of-Way Use Agreements are completed. Excavation is scheduled to begin Monday, June 2 with landscaping to follow around June 5. Plans were distributed and watering issues were discussed. It is anticipated that excavation will be completed by June 13 and landscaped shortly thereafter. Four sites in South Bethany and two sites in Middlesex will be experimental sites using "bio-char."

Addendum: Work began on Monday, June 2nd. See photos below.

Adopt-A-Canal/Road End Program Update: Sue stated Carol Stevenson had formed the "Wandering Weeders" group and that assignments had been made. This volunteer group will really help us zero in on the several canal ends in need of maintenance. Sue also had noted that the Eagle Scout project by South Bethany resident Andrew Chapdelaine, has been completed and now all streets are identified from the canal-side. Sue announced that we will be hosting the Adopt Contest again and that the Adopt Sub-committee needs to review calendars and confirm dates. Sue also asked Don to order more Adopt Program signs as a number of adopted canals do not have signs or the wooden signs are in disrepair. Additionally Adopt Contest signs need to be ordered as we only have 20 contest signs.

Earth Day Canal/Road End Adoption: Sue noted that an article about the Earth Day celebration was featured in the *WAVE* and the town's spring *ZEPHYR* newsletter.

Update on Ocean Drive Lighting: Don announced that 5 more lights had been hung on Ocean Drive on Wednesday, May 28th. Every-other street now has a solar light. In followup to a

question from Councilman Jim Gross, Sue asked Don about the peeling paint on the arms of the street signs on Ocean Drive. Don stated that epoxy paint is used and that in consultation with Bethany Beach who uses powder coating, they have the same problem. The arms will not be re-painted until during the off season as it is an extensive project to remove the signs and arms for re-painting.

Adjournment and Next Meeting – The CEC will meet on Thursday, July 31st at 10:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.



